



LANGARA COLLEGE

MINUTES Langara Council Meeting held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 Room B201 at 0930 hours

Members:

Antonella Alves
Linda Arnold
Lynn Carter (absent)
Laura Cullen
Deanna Douglas
Jesse Embree (absent)
Martin Gerson
Marg Heldman
Ken Jillings
Terry Kornutiak
Wendy Low

Grace Makarewicz
Kevin Paul
Ken Pawlak
Brian Pendleton
Joanne Rajotte
David Ross, Chair
Roger Semmens
Doug Soo
Chris Vincent
Nancy Wickham

Guest:

Suzanne Munson, Manager, Disability Services

Prior to the start of the meeting, each Langara Council Member introduced themselves to D. Ross, new President and Chair, and provided a brief description of their department and responsibilities.

1. REVIEW OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. REVIEW OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

a) Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on September 23, 2008

T. Kornutiak noted that she was in attendance at the meeting and asked that the minutes be revised to reflect this.

The minutes were approved with the noted revision.

3. ACTION ITEMS

a) Policy E1005 – Services for Students with Disabilities

K. Paul highlighted Policy E1005 – Services for Students with Disabilities attached to the agenda and noted that minor revisions were made to definitions and college responsibilities to keep the policy current, clear and succinct. In response to a question, he noted that some of the terms are deliberately vague because they cannot be defined and are at times dependent on circumstances or guided by judicial precedence. Discussion ensued and S. Munson was in attendance to answer member's questions.

It was moved by K. Paul, seconded by L. Cullen

THAT, Policy E1005 – Services for Students with Disabilities be approved with the noted minor revisions.

Carried

4. CURRICULUM ITEMS

a) Education Council Meeting held September 16, 2008

L. Cullen introduced the Summary Report of the Education Council meeting held September 16, 2008 noting that Education Council approved a new Environmental Studies Citation in response to the growing interest in environmental issues. This program is designed for students who have completed a number of courses relating to environmental issues while pursuing a diploma, associate degree, or degree in another subject area.

L. Cullen noted that the Ministry of Education has proposed a course “English 12 First Peoples” as an alternative to English 12 for college entry. While the curriculum and delivery are different from the standard English 12, the learning outcomes are equal, and the course has been approved by the English Department.

L. Cullen advised that at the request of College Board Chair, D. Chiang, a copy of the Government Letter of Expectations was circulated to Education Council for their information.

b) Education Council Meeting held October 14, 2008

L. Cullen introduced the Summary Report of the Education Council meeting held October 14, 2008 noting that Education Council approved two new Sociology courses. She further noted that two international business programs will be discontinued, with courses deleted or revised and repositioned in a new, distinct international business concentration within the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA).

L. Cullen noted that Langara College hosted the Co-Education Council (CoEdCo) meeting on Saturday, October 4, 2008 at which D. Chiang provided the welcome. She noted that there was a preliminary discussion around the new special purpose universities (four were represented at the meeting), their continued representation on CoEdCo and the longer-term impact on CoEdCo. The four institutions held a break-out session after lunch, and when rejoining the group at the end of the day emphasized that they would like to remain part of CoEdCo and are determining how to accomplish this. She further noted that CoEdCo has a very active listserv with diverse backgrounds and an open forum, and would feel the loss if it were to lose those institutions. L. Cullen noted that CoEdCo will try to lobby the Government to change the College and Institute Act to reflect the same power as the University Act.

L. Cullen noted that the reports contained no items with financial implications.

The Education Council reports for September 16, 2008 and October 14, 2008 were received for information.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

a) VANOC

D. Douglas highlighted the document attached to the agenda and announced that Langara has entered into a Community Contributor Program agreement with the Vancouver Organizing Committee to provide services and resources to VANOC in return for a wide range of rights and benefits, including the right to use of the Community Contributor emblem on college materials. Some of the services the college will provide to VANOC will be the use of its parking space and classroom space for training. Discussion ensued and the following points were noted:

- Due to time constraints, N. Wickham was asked to obtain special permission from VANOC to use the emblem on the upcoming spring Continuing Studies brochure, if at all possible.
- In regards to suggested emblem usage, official college publications would already be identified (i.e. website, calendars, viewbook, etc.). Departments were advised to identify where they might request using the emblem by forwarding suggestions to the President's office (dfalcon@langara.bc.ca).
- VANOC approval is required for every use of the emblem and will require a minimum 10-day approval process. This does not include the time Communications & Marketing will require for preparatory work.
- N. Wickham advised that C&M has received copies of a manual outlining emblem usage and that she has a copy of the emblem that she will provide for viewing purposes only. It was mentioned that the emblem might be available on the VANOC website.
- B. Pendleton noted that the College needs to give students and the Langara community as much notice as possible regarding its schedule for the 2010 Olympics.
- N. Wickham noted that an announcement of adjustment to the academic schedule is on the home page and more specific information is available on the student portal.
- D. Ross will be attending a VANOC World Press Briefing the evening of November 4th and will provide an update at the next meeting.
- VANOC will be a standing item on the Langara Council agenda.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1040 hours.